

*PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT*  
*U.S. Serial No.: 09/744,489*  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants petition that the period for response to the Office Action dated January 22, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application be extended for two months, to and including June 22, 2003 (which is a Sunday). A check for this extension is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Order Account No. 11-0855.

Respectfully submitted,

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